

**Interview Summary**

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicant submits this Interview Summary of the telephone interview on July 20, 2009 regarding the above-cited application that included Examiner Hoffman and the undersigned Attorney for Applicant.<sup>1</sup> During that interview, U.S. Patent No. 5,746,741 ("Kraus") and pending independent claim 1 and 23 were discussed. No agreement was reached regarding amendment or allowability of claims 1 and 23. The Examiner indicated that a new office action would be issued unless Applicant's previously presented arguments were persuasive upon further review.

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<sup>1</sup> The Interview Summary mailed by the Examiner on August 5, 2009 misspells the undersigned Attorney for Applicant's name.